



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/24/082 – B&Q/CERTAIN ASSETS OF HOMEBASE

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by B&Q Ireland Limited of two stores from HHGL Limited and one store from HHGL (ROI) Limited

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby B&Q Ireland Limited would acquire two stores from HHGL Limited and one store from HHGL (ROI) Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 24 December 2024.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Additional Information

B&Q Ireland Limited is an indirect subsidiary of Kingfisher PLC, an international home improvement company. Kingfisher PLC operates in a number of countries across Europe under retail banners including B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt, Screwfix and TradePoint. It offers home improvement products and services to consumers and trade professionals who shop in its stores and via its e-commerce channels.

HHGL (ROI) Limited and HHGL Limited are part of the HHGL group, which is controlled by Hilco Capital. Both operate stores under the Homebase brand. Homebase is a home DIY improvement retailer and is active in the supply of DIY, kitchen and bathroom, painting and decorating, electrical, furniture, building and hardware products in the State.